



This week thru the lens

He's no dummy!

Mark Crocker and his friend Chester thrilled a packed crowd at Acton Centennial Library Saturday with his ventriloquist act. Helen Murray got the fun down on film.



## Cabinet orders region pay Norton's hearing costs

The Ontario cabinet has ordered Halton Region to pay \$2,730 for the legal costs of a rural Acton area resident Harry Norton to cover his legal costs for an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in 1980. In July 1980 Norton applied for a severance and it was granted by

Halton Land Division Committee. However, the region decided to appeal the Land Division Committee decision to the OMB. At an October 1980 meeting the OMB hearing officer supported the region's appeal, but because there had only

been a written submission from the region at Land Division Committee and no planning staff on hand the hearing officer awarded legal costs be paid to Norton for the appeal. The hearing officer felt that the Land Division Commission wouldn't have

granted the severance if the region had presented its case against the application properly, hence there would have been no need for an OMB hearing.

In January of this year, the region appealed the matter of costs awarded to Norton to the provincial cabinet hoping they would reverse the OMB order. In May the cabinet backed the OMB decision regarding costs.

Norton's legal bills were submitted and reviewed by the Taxing Master of the Milton court and he ordered the amount paid to Norton reduced to \$2,730, a region committee was told last week. Staff told the councillors that because of the Norton matter planning staff now attend all Land Division Committee meetings.

## Abandoned gravel pit micro-wave tower site

Ontario Hydro is trying to secure an option to purchase for a one acre abandoned gravel pit on the Fifth Concession of Erin Township for a micro-wave tower.

Brenda Harris, spokesperson for Ontario Hydro on this project, couldn't be more specific about the location of the preferred site of seven alternate sites selected for the micro-wave tower.

She explained appraisal work and comparisons of property values in the area of the selected sites have been completed over the past two months.

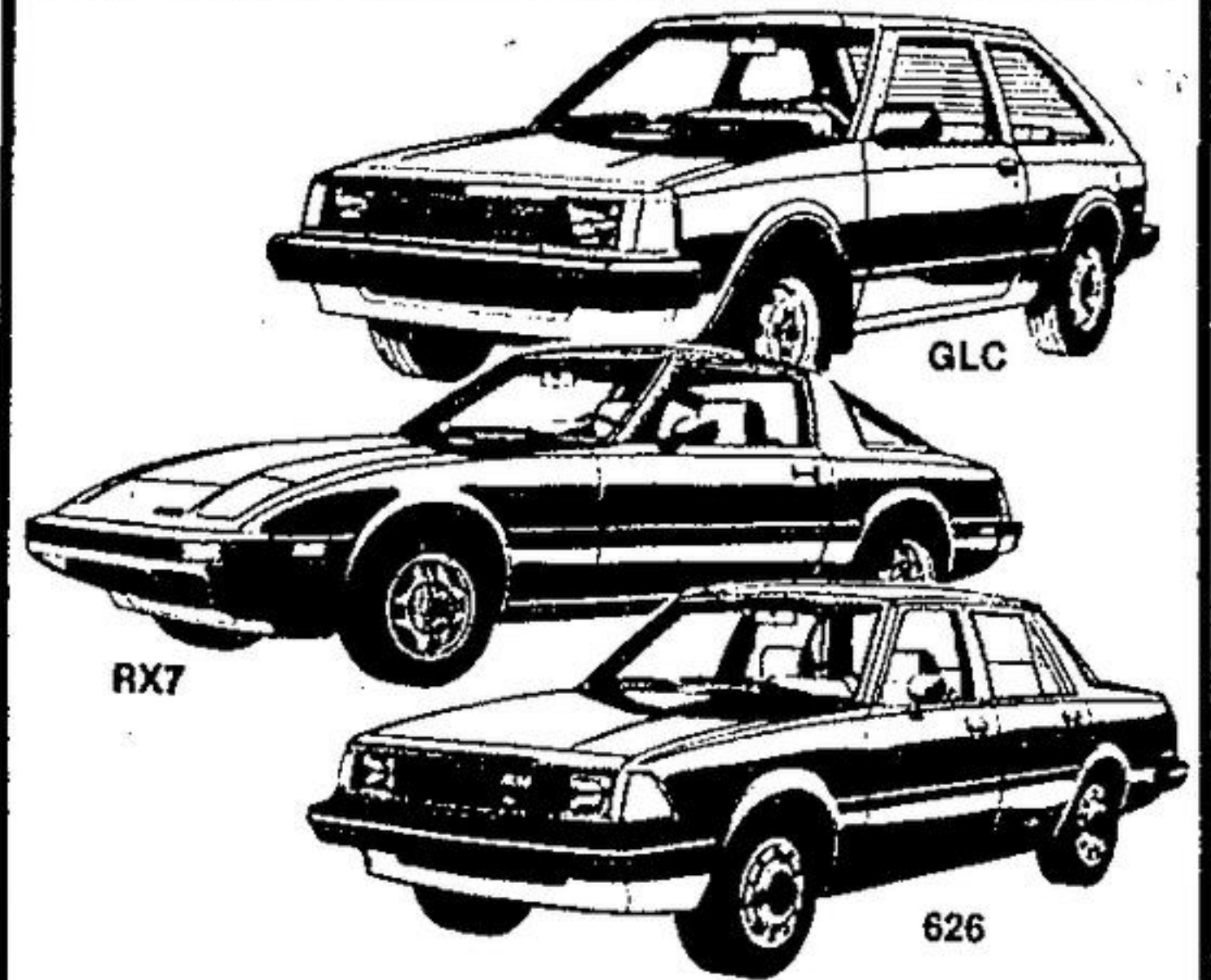
After they secure the option, Hydro will go to Erin Township council and explain how they

determined the seven sites and why a preferred site was selected. A micro-wave tower site was needed in the Acton-Erin area because it needed to be close to the 500 kV power corridor.

Following the meeting with council a final written report will be compiled and council and the public will have 30 days to respond in

writing to Hydro. If no written concerns are received the report is then forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment and following approval, design and construction can begin. Mrs. Harris said Hydro wants to have its final report in the hands of the Ministry of the Environment by the end of the year.

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## Bus-car accident

Nobody was hurt in a minor bus-car accident Tuesday morning.

Halton Regional Police report at 7:50 a.m. yesterday a bus belonging to Tyler Transport was backed into a car driven by Leslie Johnstone, Limehouse. The mishap occurred at 20 Sideroad and the Halton Hills-Milton Town Line.

Bus driver Frank Thompson, Poplar Ave., was backing up to turn around. Neither the drivers nor the approximately 20 children on the bus were hurt. Police estimate damages at \$400 to the car and \$50 to the bus.

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## Baptist pastor Acton pioneer.... (Continued from page 1)

course in Calgary that she realized she wanted to work in some facet of the church.

It was while she was studying for her Bachelor of Music at Hamilton's McMaster University that she decided to get her Masters of Divinity and become a minister. She credits her friends for

encouraging her to realize her goal.

While making that profound decision, Pastor Stairs did not forget the significance of her action and its impact on the history of the church. It wasn't until the 1930s that a woman became a minister in the Baptist Church, she says. Since then, only

five have made the big step, including herself. Due to retirements and deaths, there are now only two practicing female pastors in the church in Ontario and Quebec—Pastor Stairs and her friend.

Pastor Stairs says she has no fears of prejudice in her congregation about her sex and her

age. She feels the people have accepted her for what she believes in, and not what she looks like. She equates the local church with a big family.

Now that she has met the people of her church, Pastor Stairs is looking forward to meeting the rest of Acton. This Sunday evening is

the induction of Pastor Stairs into the Acton Baptist Church. On hand will be her parents, the only other woman minister, and many of her instructors who in some way made the evening possible.

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